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CHITA MEDICAL SERVICES REORGANIZED

I. Konenkin, chief of the Chita Oblast Health Department, reports that the institutions participating in the medical necwork of Chita Oblast have doubled since 1940. More than 100 million rubles have been allocated for the health program in the oblast in 1949. There are nearly 10,000 medical workers in the oblast at present, and the Government plans to send an additional 300 doctors, and 400 secondary medical workers into the oblast in 1949. Every rayon in the oblast has at least five doctors, and the average number of medical workers in each rural rayon is 200.

A large reorganization program in the health system is under way in the oblast. Hospitals are being combined with polyclinics, dispensaries and women's and children's consultation centers. The discrepancy between the number of doctors in hospitals and those in dispensaries is being eliminated. Doctors who tend the sick at home will continue the treatment, if there is need, in hospitals. This will increase the skill and responsibility of the doctor, and the sick will be treated more methodically and regularly.

The second major improvement is the reorganization of existing sanitation-epidemic stations and the organization of new ones on new principles of operation which will commect the stations more closely with the entire medical network. Such stations will be organized in all rayons and cities of the oblast in 1949. Bacteriological, gynecological, and other laboratories, milk-control stations, disinfection centers, etc., will be combined in these stations. All phases of antiepidemic work, including treatment, methods, and scientific research, will be centered in these institutions.

Hospitals in rayon conters are being transformed into apecialized institutions where a worker can receive modern treatment without the necessity of traveling to Chita. The standards of the rural rayon hospitals will be raised to the level of urban hospitals, and they will become centers where doctors of branch hospitals and medical assistants can improve their skills.

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Training and retraining of specialists is an important task in the reconstruction program. More than 60 doctors in the oblast will be sent to central cities for specialization, and near! 100 doctors will become specialists in oblast medical institutions. Every rayon must make a special effort to assist in the work of training specialists.

The many complaints made by workers receiving unsatisfactory medical service indicate that local soviet organizations are not paying proper attention to health problems. The rural network of medical institutions maintained by the village soviets are in particularly poor financial condition. Medical service in Khikokskiy, Borzinskiy, Ust'-Karskiy, and several other rayons as well as in the cities of Petrovsk-Zabaykal'skiy and Chita is extremely poor.

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